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Notice of Incomplete response by Applicant

The reply filed on November 12, 1999 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has failed to argue how the new claims 21-25 would distinguish over the applied prior art of record. See 37 CFR 1.111(b). Moreover, it is unclear what claim is being amended at the top of page 4 of Applicant's response. Claim 16 ends at the bottom of page 3. The top of page 4 begins without a claim number. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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